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House State Administration Committee

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**Montana Conservation Voters support SB 155, the " election
machine audit" bill**

Dear Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

Montana Conservation Voters support SB 155, sponsored by Sen.
Cooney.

If implemented, SB 155 helps further secure our electoral system
checking the vote totals of machine counted ballots in 5% of randomly
chosen precincts. The audit would hand count one federal, one state,
one legislative race and one referendum or ballot initiate in federal
elections.

We'd like to maintain the great record we have in Montana of accurate
and fair elections. We think that this bill helps voters feel secure
casting their ballots with voting machines.

Please pass SB 155.

Thank you,


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